

## LETTERS TO THE TIMES

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# CIA Strongly Backed in Current Controversy With Student Group

Like many Americans, I am concerned about the current controversy involving the CIA and the National Student Assn. And like many Americans, I stand steadfastly behind the CIA.

During the years 1955-57 while I was senator-at-large and then student body president of the University of Southern California, I participated as a delegate in many regional and national NSA conventions. I observed the ultra-liberal attitude of most of the association's officers, and I found myself regularly voting against resolutions which many of us felt tended to undermine our free enterprise system.

In 1958, as a State Department goodwill ambassador charged with helping explain the American way of life overseas, I quickly discovered that my country's image was being badly blurred by many NSA actions.

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I believe that even today thousands of fine college students would be shocked to learn that NSA brags about representing them. I am also convinced that citizens who carefully study the NSA record can only conclude that if the "integrity of student organizations" is being subverted by an intelligence agency, that agency certainly must not be an American one.

This seems to be the season for some politicians, professors and students to attack government agencies. Perhaps this is also the time for the rest of us to remind them that such agencies as the Departments of State and Defense, the FBI and CIA, are on our side—not the enemy's.

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serious researchers should do as McDonald has done—speak up loud and clear and pound home the need for intensive study on a wide scientific scale.

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## Eye for Fire Exits

The story by William McPhillip, "For Fire Safety—Keep Your Eye Out For Exits" (Feb. 14) is the best I have ever seen on the subject of fire safety in high rise buildings as well as other establishments where the public congregates.

Panics born of lack of knowledge and the instinct for self preservation in unfamiliar surroundings. This wanton destroyer of life can be thwarted by the very simple procedure of determining exactly where the exits are as soon as possible after entering a building.

Often the exits are readily visible upon entering, as in a theater. If they are not, a very little exploring will locate them. Locating the alternate means of egress before you settle down to a somewhat prolonged stay can save your life.

Even the best fire department cannot save your life if you lose it through panic before they arrive.

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## Faults of Gold Standard

For the last 30 years Henry Hazlitt has been telling us about the evils of inflation and how to protect the value of a currency. His remedy is the gold standard.

For the last 20 years and for some more